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L. REFTELS INDICATED EL SALVADOR AND PARAGUAY WILLING TO SUPPORT KHMER REPUBLIC CREDENTIALS AGAINST LIKELY CHALLENGE AT OCTOBER 17 OPENING OF UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE BUT THAT THESE GOVERNMENTS BELIEVE THEY UNABLE ATTEND OR VOTE BECAUSE OF ARREARS IN UNESCO ASSESSED CONTRIBUTIONS.

2. IF DEPARTMENT AGREES, INFO ADDRESSEES COULD ENSURE HOST GOVERNMENTS AWARENESS THAT ALTHOUGH UNESCO

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CONSTITUTION AND GENERAL CONFERENCE RULES OF PRO-

CEDURE THEORETICALLY PROVIDE THAT RIGHT TO VOTE IN
GENERAL CONFERENCE BE DENIED STATES IN ARREARS FOR TOTAL
AMOUNT IN EXCELL OF TWO YEARS ASSESSMENTS, SUCH SANCTIONS
HAVE NOT BEEN APPLIED IN PRACTICE. RULES PROVIDE FOR
WAIVER IF GEN CONF SATISFIED THAT NON-PAYMENT DUE
CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND MEMBER STATES' CONTROL.

3. ONLY RELATIVE "TOUGHENING" OF RULES HAS BEEN THAT
UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD NOW CONSIDERS ACCEPTABILITY OF
REASONS GIVEN FOR NON-PAYMENT BY MEMBER STATES CONCERNED
IN RESPONSE TO LETTERS FROM UNESCO DIRECTOR GENERAL
AND MAKES RECOMMENDATION THEREON TO GENERAL CONFERENCE
LEGAL COMMITTEE.

4. CURRENT EXBD SESSION MADE FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION
OCTOBER 4 ON REASONS GIVEN IN WRITTEN RESPONSES OF EL
SALVADOR AND NICARAGUA PERMREPS HERE, WHICH WERE ONLY
TWO OF RINE MEMBER STATES THAT REPLIED TO QUERIES.

5. AS MOST OF OTHER SEVEN ALSO LDC'S (CHAD' CENTRAL
AFRICAN REPUBLIC, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, ECUADOR, HAITI,
PARAGUAY AND PORTUGAL), POWERFUL THIRD WORLD VOTING
BLOC AGAIN CERTAIN TO FAVOR WAIVER OF ARREARAGES
SANCTIONS.

6. FOR ASUNCION: PARAGUAY HAS HAD PARTICULARLY LONG-
STANDING ARREARS TOTALLING \$69,000 GOING BACK TO L967.
RESPONSE TO UNESCO QUERIES SENT THIS AUGUST WITH AT
LEAST PROFORMA EXPLARATION AND EXPRESSION OF GOOD IN-
TENTIONS TO PAY WHEN POSSIBLE WOULD LIKELY BE ADEQUATE
TO ASSURE RIGHT TO VOTE.

7. COMMENT: PERMDEL BELIEVES PRESENCE AND VOTE OCTOBER
17 AT GENERAL CONFERENCE CF EVERY FRIENDLY MEMBER STATE
IS CRUCIAL TO FAVORABLE OUTCOME OF CHALLENGE TC KHMER
REPUBLIC CREDENTIALS. EL SALVADOR AND NICARAGUA LISTED
AS ABSENT IN UNESCO VOTE LAST OCTOBER ON KHMER REPUBLIC
CREDENTIALS WHICH WERE UPHELD BY 42-30-23 (ABSTENTIONS).
THERE IS NO REASON TO PREVENT THEM FROM APPEARING AT THIS
SESSION ASAT LEAST NICARAGUAN AND EL SALVADOR REPRESENTA-
TION IN PARIS NOW AWARE.

8. PERMDEL WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING IF PARIS-BASED OR
OTHER REPRESENTATIVES ABOVE COUNTRIES WILL ATTEND
GENERAL CONFERENCE.

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